

TITLE**SULFONATED ALIPHATIC-AROMATIC COPOLYESTERS**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A copolyester having an inherent viscosity of equal to or greater than
5 about 0.3 formed from about 20 to about 60 mole percent based on the
amount of aromatic dicarboxylic acid of one or more of isophthalic
dicarboxylic acid or an alkyl diester thereof, about 40 to about 80 mole
percent based on the amount of aromatic dicarboxylic acid of one or more of
10 terephthalic acid or 2,6-naphthalene dicarboxylic acid or an alkyl diester
thereof, about 10 to about 60 mole based on the total amount of dicarboxylic
acids of one or more aliphatic dicarboxylic acids or an alkyl diester, about 0.1
to about 5 mole percent based on the moles of total dicarboxylic acid of one
15 or more alkali or alkaline earth metal salts of 5-sulfoisophthalic dicarboxylic
acid or an alkyl diester thereof, about 90 to 100 mole percent based on the
total amount of glycols of one or more aliphatic glycols, and 0 to about 10
mole percent based on the total amount of glycols of one or more of
di(ethylene glycol) and tri(ethylene glycol). The copolymers are useful to
form films and coatings.

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